GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:326
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TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FACILITY IN TRAINS
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to enable the railway travellers to talk to their kith and kins on Telephone, exchange information on the Internet, and view the programmes telecast by Doordarshan and other T.V. channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the rail routes on which the above scheme is proposed to be started initially?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.326 BY DR. ASHOK PATEL TO E ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2003 REGARDING TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FACILITY IN TRAINS.

(a) to (d): i) The Government (Ministry of Railways) have issued detailed guidelines to the Zonal Railwaysfor provision of telephone and Internet services at Railway stations through which Railway travellers at stations can communicate with their kith and kin on payment of usual charges. There is, however, no policy, for the present, to provide Doordarshan or other TV Channels at stations.

ii) Presently, telephone services are available on following Shatabdi Express trains −

S.No	Train No.	Train Name
1.	2005/2006	New Delhi - Kalka Shatabdi Express
2.	2011/2012	New Delhi - Kalka Shatabdi Express
3.	2013/2014	New Delhi - Amritsar Shatabdi Express
4.	2029/2030	New Delhi - Amritsar Swaran Shatabdi Express

There is, however, no scheme to provide Doordarshan and other TV Channels in trains.

iii) RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. is alsoplanning to provide as pilot projects, internet kiosks at New Delhi Railway Station and internet service on one of the train during 2003-04. The train and route are under finalisation.